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## Success Is Near

In the fifteen years since the founding of the YOUTH, there was always the fond hope of reaching that status whereby the magazine would be self-sustaining. However, this hope has never been realized. At times it seemed as if success was just around the corner while at other times things looked so discouraging that less courageous individuals would have given up.

At the present the YOUTH is closer to being debt free and operating in the black than it has ever been. All that remains now is another burst of help and co-operation from all UCY clubs in Canada. A short while ago the National Executive of the UCY, in an effort to erase the debt on the YOUTH magazine and to establish it on a firmer basis, assessed each Diocese as to the amount it should pay as its share towards wholehearted support of the YOUTH. If this plea of the National Executive is heeded it will indeed be a memorable occasion in the history of YOUTH, and will be definite proof that young people can accomplish great things.

One of the first Diocesan executives to respond to the plea of the National headquarters was the one from Winnipeg. Immediately upon receiving notification of their assessment, the Diocesan executive in Winnipeg forwarded a cheque to the YOUTH magazine for \$250.00. Since the notice came so late in the season, the executive from Winnipeg expressed regret that they were not able to send the whole sum at once but promised to send the remaining half of their assessment after UCY activities begin again in the Fall. The response from Winnipeg is indeed terrific. On behalf of the YOUTH magazine and UCY members everywhere I extend sincere congratulations to the UCY in Manitoba and to their provincial executive for displaying such wonderful enthusiasm and support for their national organ. This is indeed a fine example for other UCY groups to follow. With support like this, the YOUTH would really become a larger and better publication and be the best magazine of its class.

In the last issue it was mentioned that the increase in subscribers during the past year was very encouraging. If this trend continues it will be only a short time before we can think of expanding. If the debt is not considered, we did quite well financially during the last twelve month period. It was seldom that we were more than three months behind in payment to the printers. During the peak of

the season in the Fall we were able to make regular payments. Once our debt is paid off after each Diocese fulfills its obligation, there will never be any need to worry about any future debt if the number of subscribers remains high. Encouraging more subscriptions to the YOUTH is not only the responsibility of each Diocesan executive but also of every UCY local in Canada. Now that success is so close let us not slacken off in our support of the YOUTH. When UCY activities resume in the Fall, let's make the YOUTH magazine one of the first objectives of our locals.

Since we publish only ten issues of YOUTH every year, the next issue will be August-September edition. All material for insertion in this issue should reach us by the end of first week of September.

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## Do You Know?

There is a secret to be opened in 1960! The last secret of Fatima Sister Lucy, to whom the secret was given by Our Lady of Fatima some 40 years ago, said: "When the secret is revealed in 1960—some will be glad, but many will be sad."

### Lucy Speaks Again

"Father, the Blessed Virgin is very sad because nobody respects Her Message, neither the good nor the bad. The good do not, because they go along their way of goodness, of apostolate, of virtue, but without paying attention to this Message. The bad do not, because the chastisement of God is not immediately hovering over them because of their sins, and they proceed on their way of evil, without paying attention to this Message. But believe me, Father, God is going to chastise the world, and in a tremendous way. The chastisement of Heaven is imminent. Father, 1960 is not far off, and what will happen then will be a very sad thing for all, and not at all a happy thing, if before then the world does

not offer prayer and penance", so spoke Sister Lucy, the Visionary of Fatima to Father Augustine Fuentes.

Father Fuentes is the Roman Postulator for the Cause of Beatification of Francesco and Jacinta Marto, the other two children of the Fatima Apparitions. Father Fuentes, on account of his work as Postulator, could interview Sister Lucy.

His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop of Vera Cruz, Emmanuel Pius, gave on April 21, 1959 his authorization and permission for the printing of the conference called "The Message of Our Lady of Fatima" which the Reverend Doctor Augustine Fuentes has preached in various places in his capacity as the Roman Postulator of the children of Fatima.

Sister Lucy continued with these unforgettable words, which may live on, when many of us will be gone and forgotten: "I cannot go into greater detail, since it is still a secret, one that, through the will

of the Blessed Virgin, may only be known to the Holy Father and the Bishop of Fatima, and neither one wishes to know it, in order not to be influenced by it. It is the third part of Our Lady's Message, which is to remain a secret until 1960."

"Tell them, Father, that the Blessed Virgin, many times, to my cousins Francesco and Jacinta as well as to me, said that: "Many nations would disappear from the face of the earth, and that Russia would be the instrument of the chastisement of Heaven for all the world, if before this we did not bring about the conversion of that unhappy nation."

Sister Lucy of Jesus told me also: "Father, the devil is letting loose a decisive battle against the Virgin, and since he knows that he is the one who most offends God, and that he must in the least time win the greatest number of souls, he is trying to win the souls consecrated to God, realizing that by this means he can the more easily win out in the leaderless field of souls and make himself master of those without a shepherd.

"Tell them, Father, also that my cousins Francesco and Jacinta sanctified themselves through two things: first, because they always saw Our Lady very sad in all Her Apparitions. She never smiled upon us, and this sadness and anguish which we noted in the Blessed Virgin because of the offenses against God, and the chastisement with which sinners were threatened, pierced to our souls, and we did not know how to conceive of any idea, in our childish imaginations, about how to make prayers and sacrifices.

One day Jacinta came upon a very rough piece of rope in the field; she divided it in three pieces, giving one to her brother Francesco, and another to her cousin Lucy, saying: 'Let us make knots in it and tie it tightly around our waists, for the intention of the love of God, the conversion of sinners, to obtain grâces for the Holy Father, and to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.' And the three children agreed not to taste a drop of water during the hottest month in Portugal, which is August, and besides, they would distribute the food their parents gave them every day for the whole day in the pastures caring for the lambs, to the first little shepherds they met after they left home.

The second thing that sanctified the children was the vision of hell. "Always when the Blessed Virgin appeared to us," Sister Lucy told me, "She appeared with Her hands extended towards the earth and in the manner of the Miraculous Medal, with Her hands showering luminous rays, as if wishing to cover the entire earth, and from it, from all the chastisements which menacing it, and in a certain moment, in which the Blessed Virgin crossed Her hands over Her breast, in this moment we saw hell open before us; Father, how many souls fall into it, and like the demons in the midst of burlesque laughter, ironic jesting, they give themselves to the tormenting of those wretched souls who have fallen there, victims of the lies and seductions of the devils! If we had not known that the Blessed Virgin was near us, in those moments in which we

were contemplating that horrible vision, we should not have been able to endure it; we would have died of terror and fear before that terrifying sight. How many souls fall into hell! For this, Father, it is not my mission to indicate to the world the material chastisements that will certainly befall the earth, unless people pray and do penance; no, my mission is to warn all of the imminent danger we are all in of losing our immortal souls forever, if we continue to persist obstinately in sin.

"Father," Sister Lucy said to me, "let us not wait until there comes a call to penance from Rome, through the Holy Father, for all the world; let us not wait for such a call from the Bishops nor our parish priests, each to his own diocese, or from the General Superiors of the religious Orders and Congregations; no, Our Lord has already used these means many times, and the world has paid no attention. Let us, one and all, begin with ourselves and our own spiritual reform; let each one of us think about the tremendous responsibility we bear not only in the matter of saving our own souls, but the saving of all the souls that God has put in our path. And the reason for this latter is that each Christian vocation must be another Christ, not only in respect to virtue, but in the same mission that He bore on earth, that of redeeming the world.

"Father, the Blessed Virgin did not tell me directly that we are encountering the last era of the world, but She gave me to understand it through three reasons: first, since She told me that the devil was let-

ting loose a decisive battle against the Virgin, and a decisive battle is a final battle in which one is going to know who is the victor, and which side is beaten; and so now, we are either for God or for the devil, there is no middle way. Second, because She told me, and my cousins as well, many times that there were two last weapons God gave to the world: the Holy Rosary and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and if they are final weapons, it means that they are the last, that there are not going to be any others. And, third, because when in the plans of Divine Providence, when God wants to chastise the world, when all the other means have been exhausted, and He has seen that the world has paid no attention, then as we can only say in our imperfect way, He presents, with a certain hesitancy, the last means of salvation. His Blessed Mother, because if we do not appreciate but reject this last means, we shall find no pardon from Heaven because we have committed a sin, the sin which is called in the Gospel the sin against the Holy Ghost—which consists in rejecting openly, with full consciousness and will, the salvation which She offers us in Her hands, and also, because Our Lord is a very good Son, and does not allow us to offend and belittle His Most Holy Mother, as we know, having the testimony of the history of twenty centuries of the Church with terrible examples to teach us how Our Lord has always come to the defense of His Blessed Mother.

"There are two ways of saving the world," Sister Lucy of Jesus

told me, by prayer and by sacrifice. By prayer I mean conversation with Our Heavenly Father, from Whom we receive constantly the graces necessary to resist evil and to conquer over the devil. We ought to pray, not only in church and in our homes, but everywhere and always; we ought to be praying whether we are in the street, at work, in school, or even in our very diversions and pleasures. The devil, who knows the potent strength of prayer, will try to snatch us away from this means of salvation, continuing to invade the world with the pestiferous surge of materialism, of human veneration, of indifference, of all these things which put us to shame as practising Catholics.

"The second means of salvation is sacrifice. We all have to suffer, not only because we bear inherent in our natural humanity the sorrow caused by the punishment of original sin, but also because we are Christians and we must be other Christs, so that with our sacrifice united to that of Christ, it may have an infinite value in saving the entire world. And so it is that we all have pain, contrarities, afflictions, problems, illnesses, etc., to bear; let us, then, offer them to Our Lord, everything He wishes to send us, and especially let us offer it spontaneously, so that united to His divine merits it may have an infinite value.

"And now, the Holy Rosary. Look, Father, the Blessed Virgin in these last times, in which we are now living has given a new efficacy to the praying problem, no matter how difficult it may be, whether

it is temporal, or especially if it be spiritual, or whether it may refer to the personal life of each one of us, or to our families, whether families in the world or religious communities, or to the life of peoples and nations; there is no problem, I repeat, no matter how difficult, which cannot be resolved today by recourse to praying the Rosary. With the Rosary we will save ourselves, we will sanctify ourselves, we will give consolation to Our Lord, and will obtain the salvation of many souls. For by saying the Holy Rosary Our Lord has promised, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, to give us the graces necessary to fulfill faithfully the commandments of God and of Holy Church, and to have the power to fulfill the duties of our state in life, and to be able to profit by frequent participation in the Holy Sacraments.

"And now, the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Blessed Mother; let us honor It as the seat of Mercy, of Kindness, and of Pardon and as the certain gate entry into Heaven."

In these grave times, more than ever before, everyone should increase his practice of continual prayer and sacrifice if Russia is to be converted and a lasting world peace obtained. To awaken people to this danger some forty Bishops in the U.S.A., nine in Canada and others around the world have backed a campaign, and made an all-out effort, to remind again the people at large of Our Lady's Message at Fatima and Her Peace Plan from Heaven through the medium of a little leaflet entitled "Do You

Know," which is being distributed far and wide. About 5,000,000 copies in English, French, Polish, Spanish, and Italian have already been distributed, hoping to reach almost every Catholic before the Secret will be opened in 1960.

The leaflet simply gives the 5 main requests and the 15 main quotations of Our Lady at Fatima—no more. Some of these quotations are not too well known and are often overlooked, for instance: "Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend My Son very much!" Our Lady said this in 1917! etc.

These leaflets are offered to pastors as well as to laymen free—or 3 for 1 penny, plus postage. You may write to the originators of this plan and this leaflet, by writing to The Catholic Fatima Committee, 531 Ellicott Square, Buffalo 3, N. Y.

Because of the urgency of the

times, we believe you would please Our Blessed Mother greatly if you will contact pastors in your area concerning this—if you have not already done so and if these leaflets have not yet been given out in your area—and informing the Fathers of the above offer.

**Editor's note:** Reprints of this article of Lucy's important words to the world, can be secured at ten cents per copy, \$2.00 for 100 copies, \$5.00 for 300 copies, \$10.00 for 1,000 copies by writing to: The Marian Apostolate, Stockbridge, Mass. We encourage our readers to make it known to as many as they possibly can. This will be their active share in promoting the Fatima Messages.

Also available at the Marian Apostolate, Stockbridge, Mass., are copies of the "Do You Know" leaflets which may be obtained free. A donation for these will be appreciated.

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## Forgive And Be Forgiven

**Thomas J. Cawley**

Some folks derive a twisted, perverted pleasure from the sins and failures of others.

To see the ill-concealed delight on their faces or catch the superior air in their bearing, you'd really think they had been elevated by the falls of other people. As though they became saintly the moment other men and women became sinful. As though they were resounding successes just because others were dismal failures.

They deny vigorously that such is their feeling, but they betray

their hand when a sinner who gave them comfort returns to the fold, or when a failure who quickened their pulse pulls out of the mess he was in.

When this occurs, they don't cheer, congratulate or say a hearty "Welcome home!" They're too gloomy, too sad, too resentful for that.

Why? Because now their own position is threatened. Now they Worse yet, they have a new equal Worse yet, the yahve a new equal, and that's something their pride can't tolerate.

And so they make some snide remark like, "Let's wait and see."

They cast aspersions on methods, motives and sincerity. And, by the skilful use of innuendo, they create the impression that the recovery is more apparent than real, more passing than permanent.

So far as they are concerned, it has to be that way. Otherwise, one of the chief sources of their self-satisfaction, self-assurance and self-regard has been destroyed.

Life has assuredly reached a sorry state, when a man is a success only because and only so long as some other man is a failure. But that's the way it is with a lot of persons in the business, professional and social worlds.

#### Sinner's Return

It's also the way it is with many in the world of religion—in things spiritual; in matters pertaining to virtue and vice; goodness and badness; salvation and damnation.

Here again, with certain melancholy creatures, personal virtue, goodness and salvation depend solely on the vice, evil and damnation of their fellow man.

And so important is it to maintain the status quo that they first become suspicious, then saddened, and finally indignant, when a sinner confesses his sins, demonstrates his regret and receives absolution.

In Heaven, the return of a sinner is the occasion of joy. But it's not that way, for example, with individuals who feel less virtuous, less complacent and less secure the instant one less soul is on its way to hell.

It's a strange mentality. A mentality that shrieks of childish in-

security, hellish pride and hypocritical self-righteousness. A mentality that rears its ugly head whenever some poor unfortunate, having repented of his sins, is given anything that resembles a Christian burial. One that echoes the petulance of the Prodigal's brother and re-echoes the complaint of the workers in the vineyard.

In both parables, objections were made to forgiveness and reward. In neither did Our Lord put apologies into the mouth of the Prodigal's father or the vineyard's owner.

The former stated patiently that rejoicing should prevail anytime the lost is found. And the latter replied bluntly, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thy eye evil because I am good?"

#### Scandal to the Unforgiving

The answer to the Prodigal's brother is the same answer the Church issue when that fellow's 20th century counterparts ask bitingly, "Why all the fuss about the conversion of a sinner? I've been faithful all my life and no one ever took notice."

And the answer to the protesting workers is the same answer that is given their modern descendants when they complain: "These last have worked but one hour and thou hast made them equal to us that have borne the burden of the day and the heat."

Providing explanations, of course, and having them accepted are two entirely different matters.

It is highly doubtful, therefore, that the Prodigal's brother or the workers in the vineyard ever really accepted the explanations offered them. And it is no less doubtful in

regard to their 20th century companions.

Had these worthies been at the foot of the Cross when Our Lord promised Paradise to the repentant thief, they would doubtlessly have exclaimed, "He can't do that!"

Had they been informed of His exquisite tenderness to a remorseful Magdalen, they would have raised their eyes to Heaven in mock astonishment and said, "What next!"

And had they been around when He ate with sinners, they would have remarked, 'He should be more careful.'

Physically they weren't on hand when these momentous events took place. But don't assume they weren't present in their representatives, the cold, unforgiving, selfrighteous Pharisees. And don't assume that these self-canonicalized creatures are not on hand today.

How can they be recognized? By comments such as: "What's the Church coming to when the likes of Jimmie Dorsey, Peggy Hopkins, Joyce Meyer and Joanne Connelley are buried with a Mass?"

#### Why the Church Is Merciful

Despite a pretense at wanting to know the whys and wherfores, these "zealots" are not interested in how it came about that Jimmie and Peggy and Joanne were given Christian burial after having wandered far from their Father's House.

They don't give a hoot that all three had a priest before they died. All three had been reconciled to a faith they never denied. All three had given evidence of repentance.

And they don't give half a hoot

when it is explained that mercy is not an endorsement of evil. Forgiveness is not a condonation of sin. Absolution is not a compromise of principle.

Frankly, they don't care about such distinctions. All they care about is keeping a sinner where he belongs. Turning a deaf ear to his pleas for forgiveness. Looking with a jaundiced eye on his protestations of remorse.

A pharisaical attitude of this sort is highly revealing. It is also extremely dangerous.

For the Christ Who advised Peter to forgive seventy times seven times, the Saviour Who asked the Father to forgive His executioners, the God Who declared, "I will have mercy . . . not sacrifice," is not likely to approve the conduct of folks who condemn the Church for doing exactly what He did during His sojourn on earth.

Nothing could be more perilous than this. And nothing could more surely expose a person to the severity of divine justice than a refusal to make allowances, extend forgiveness and exercise mercy.

The Church does this because Christ did it. And the moment the Church stops doing it, it will cease to be the Church of a Christ Who warned mankind long years ago, ". . . if you will not forgive, neither will your Father . . . forgive you . . ."

These are sober, solemn words. Words which must either soften the hearts of the unforgiving or place them forever beyond the reach of God's saving mercy.



Guests at head table at banquet commemorating 25 years since His Excellency Bishop Roborecki became a priest. Right to left: His Excellency Metropolitan Hermanuk, Joseph Kotelmach, master of ceremonies, His Excellency Bishop Roborecki, T. Douglas, premier of Saskatchewan, His Excellency Bishop F. Klein.

# Sts. Peter and Paul U.C.Y., Saskatoon

## CONTESTANTS FOR CARNIVAL QNEEN



Mary Ann Chilibecki



Pat Rawlyk



Stella Servetnyk



Ollie Siroishka

Time: — November 1958: Place: Ss. Peter & Paul Auditorium; Occasion: — Regular Tuesday gathering of Youth for a meeting and social.

The meeting began as all of the past ones had — Prayer: reading of minutes etc. However, when it came to the "new business" portion —cautiously and cleverly our President, Wally Komaryk inserted a mention about a "carnival" . . . Questions began to pop —when?— what kind? why? etc. Answers popped in response. This was the

beginning.

Soon four pretty U.C.Y. gals submitted to a little coaxing, persuasion, and allowed their photographs and names to go on the tickets. These were to be sold and the contestants with the largest number of tickets sold to be crowned queen at a windup rally and dance. Keen competition resulted — sales were made everywhere — (as the draws for the cash prizes later indicated).

Tickets, tickets, and more tickets — money began to roll in—the questions asked of the contest-

ants many times — How many tickets have you sold — No answer was given — the cat was kept in the bag.

The big event arrived:

June 6 — the auditorium was decorated; crowning apparel was obtained; — everything was ready.

Dancing was enjoyed until eleven o'clock when Mr. Joe Kotelmach an ardent parishioner took charge of the important and long awaited event.

Tickets were counted, monies were totalled and the results were announced. The most tickets sold crowned Queen Mary Ann Chilli-

becki. Crowned Princesses — Stella Servetnyk, Ollie Siroishka, and Pat Rawlyk.

A resounding success was the ultimate resultant. Total gross receipts were over one thousand dollars of which the best portion was donated to the Ss. Peter & Paul church building fund and the Sheptytsky Institute.

A great vote of thanks goes to Wally Komaryk for getting the tickets drive under way and to the contestants who did the great amount of work in selling and promoting sales. Prizes were mainly U.C.Y. contributions.

J. A. Siroishka.

## Ethelbert, Man. U.C.Y.

Since my last report, our club has not been too active but there are a few things I should like to mention.

First of all, at our meetings, which we hold once monthly, we have discussed questions concerning youth and religion. Most of the members entered into the discussions and they were successful.

On June 7th, the members of the Ethelbert U.C.Y. received Holy Communion and later had a Communion Breakfast in the hall.

On Mother's Day, the girls of our club took on the job of pinning on flowers for everyone present at Church service. It was a great success.

To wind up the season, the club held a weiner roast. Everyone was to bring his own drink and the hot-dogs were paid for by the club.

Everyone present enjoyed this event.

I should like to mention at this time that the success of our club has been due mainly to the help of Very Rev. Father Klymchuk. We would like to extend sincere thanks to him.

Nestor Kalinowich  
Press Correspondent.

They were discussing the Hall of Fame.

"A man has to be dead for 25 years before he can be admitted," said the first man.

The other fellow nodded. "Well, it's worth waiting for," he observed.

"Have I ever told you about my grandchildren?" inquired Johnson of his companion.

"No. And I want you to know how much I appreciate it".

## Dauphin, Man. U.C.Y.

Hi there;

This being our last visit from the Dauphin area for a while first of all on behalf of the club I would like to express sincere thank you and appreciation to our Pres. Peter Bilash in leading us to a successful year and also Adam Brezden, our vice-president, who in the absence of our president so willingly devoted his time and work in making our social events as successful as they have been. Last but not least the rest of the executive and members for the wonderful co-operation they gave us. I think this is the best year we've had in years.

During the past few months our club sponsored a few more dances thus enabling us to reach a donation of one thousand dollars towards our parish hall.

A surprise evening in honour of the Pres. Peter Bilash, whose marriage to Elizabeth Werbecki was an event of May 23, was held and a trilight lamp presented on behalf of the club.

Softball teams were organized and practices are held every Thursday at one of the local school grounds. Mary Lesiuk was elected captain of the girls' team and Lawrence Chita masters the leadership of the boys' team. The boys entered their team at a few of the local picnics and captured first prize at the Broken Pipe Lake picnic.

One of our executive our 2nd vice-pres. Mary Lesiuk was the recipient of a Teacher's College Scholarship. Congratulations and best of luck Mary.

Since Adam Brezden's marriage to Lorraine Sametz both on the executive committee is an event of July 27 I on behalf of the club would like to wish them all the joys and happiness of a married life. May God's blessings be with you always.

The last meeting was held on June 2nd with twenty-four members attending. A wind up party was planned and held on June 14 at Silver Sands with about thirty members and guests participating in a mixed softball game, a weiner roast and an open air dance to toe tapping music supplied by Marvin Procyshyn on the violin, Elizabeth Bilash on the accordion and Lawrence Antonyshyn on the guitar.

This brought to a close another club year of happy memories left behind and hopes for a more successful one next year. To those who leave us to attend colleges, work in different towns we wish them best of luck and those who stay behind we hope to see you all back and many more.

Nellie Lesiuk,  
Press Correspondent.

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Fellow driving through the other day reported that a tornado in his home town was so terrible that it blew the living room through the front-door keyhole, turned the wash tub inside out, and twisted the days of the week so bad that Saturday is coming in on Tuesday afternoon.

Auburn Plainsman.

# The Peace Plan From Heaven

We present here only a very condensed version of the story of Fatima. In future issues we hope to discuss the Fatima message further.

On a cool spring day in 1916, Lucy dos Santos, age 9, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages 8 and 6 respectively, took their parent's sheep to pasture in a place not far from their homes in the mountain village of Fatima, Portugal, about 90 miles north of Lisbon. It started to drizzle, and the children sought shelter in a nearby cave. Suddenly across the field, a white globe of light appeared, moving over the open space toward the cave. The three children stared in awe as they saw in the center of the light a beautiful young man in flowing white garments.

The stranger began to speak: "Fear not, I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." Kneeling on the ground, he bowed low and recited this prayer three times, with the children repeating it after him: "O my God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and love You."

In mid-summer, the angel came again, and said, "Pray! Pray a great deal. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs on you."

The angel also came in the fall of that same year, this time bearing a golden chalice in one hand and a Host above it in the other. The amazed children noticed that drops

of blood were falling from the Host into the chalice. Presently, the angel left both suspended in mid air and prostrated himself on the ground, saying this beautiful prayer: "Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—I adore you profoundly. I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrifices and indifferences whereby He is offended. Through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners."

Such was the prelude to one of the most remarkable messages ever to be given from Heaven to earth—the "peace plan" of Our Lady of Fatima.

## More Brilliant Than The Sun

On Sunday, May 13, 1917, slightly more than a year after the angel's first visit, the children were pasturing their flocks as usual. This time they were in a rather barren hollow, known as the Cova de Iria (Hollow of Irene), which was about a mile from their homes. It was noon of a clear, sunny day, when suddenly a flash of lightning cut the air — then another. Fearing a storm, the children quickly gathered the sheep to get them home. Then their glances fell upon a small holm-oak tree directly in their path. A dazzling light hovered over the topmost branches, when—wonder of wonders—what

should they behold but the form of a lovely lady standing atop the tree in the light, her feet hidden in a shimmering cloud. She was like the angel, only far more beautiful. She wore a long white dress, and the mantle over her head and shoulders reaching to her feet was edged in burnished gold. Her hands were joined before her breast, and from the right hand hung an exquisite rosary of white pearls. As Lucy later described her, "She was a lady more brilliant than the sun."

After telling the children not to be frightened, the vision said: "I come from Heaven. I want you to come here at this same hour on the 13th day of each month until October. Then I will tell you who I am and what I want." She also told them to say the Rosary every day, and to bear all the sufferings God would send them.

#### The Children See Hell

During her appearance in July, Our Lady, in answer to Lucy's plea, promised that in October she would work a great public miracle so that all might believe and know who she was. The Mother of God told the children to sacrifice themselves for sinners, and to say many times, especially when making a sacrifice, this prayer: "O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of poor sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

As she spoke these words, Our Lady stretched out her hands, and bright rays came forth which seemed to penetrate into the earth. All at once the ground vanished,

and the children found themselves standing on the brink of a sea of fire. As they peered into this dreadful place, the terrified youngsters saw huge numbers of devils and damned souls. The devils resembled hideous black animals, each filling the air with despairing shrieks. The damned souls were in their human bodies and seemed to be brown in color, tumbling about constantly in the flames and screaming with terror. All were on fire within and without their bodies. Neither devils nor damned souls seemed able to control their movements. They were tossing about like fiery coals in a furnace. There was never an instant's peace or freedom from pain.

Looking with compassion at the pale and trembling little ones, the vision spoke to them: "You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

#### Our Lady Talks of World War II and Communism

"The war (First World War, then raging) is going to end. But if people do not stop offending God, another and worse one will begin in the reign of Pius the Eleventh. When you shall see a night illuminated by an unknown light, (January 25, 1938), know that this is the great sign that God gives you that He is going to punish the world for its many crimes by means of war, hunger, and of persecution of the Church and the Holy Father.

"To prevent this, I shall come to

ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the five first Saturdays. If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much and various nations will be destroyed. (A secret message was given).

.... But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, Russia will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world."

#### The Sun Whirls In The Sky

On the days preceding October 13th, all roads led to Fatima, with people coming from all parts of the land in any form of transportation they could find. Many walked for miles over the rough fields. It rained all the night of the 12th and the morning of the 13th. By noon, more than 70,000 had crowded into the Cova. Standing in the mud up to their ankles, they huddled together under umbrellas, seeking protection from the relentless rain as they prayed their rosaries.

Shortly after noon the Lady arrived for the last time. She told the children: "**I am the Lady of the Rosary.** I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary.

Let them continue saying it every day."

As the Lady was about to leave, she pointed to the sun. Lucy excitedly repeated the gesture and the people looked into the sky. The rain had ceased, the clouds parted, and the sun shone forth, but not in its brilliance. Instead it appeared like a silver disc, pale as the moon, at which all could gaze without straining their eyes. Suddenly, impelled by some mysterious force, the disc began to whirl in the sky, casting off great shafts of multi-colored light. Red, green, blue, yellow, violet, the enormous rays shot across the sky at all angles, lighting up the entire countryside for many miles around, but particularly the upturned faces of those 70,000 spellbound people. After three minutes the wonder stopped, but was resumed again a second and a third time—three times in all in about 12 minutes. It seemed that the whole world was on fire, with the sun spinning at a greater speed each time.

Then a gasp of terror rose from the crowd, for the sun seemed to tear itself from the heavens and come crashing down upon the horrified multitude. "It's the end of the world," shrieked one woman. "Dear God, don't let me die in my sins," implored another. "Holy Virgin, protect us," cried a third. All were on their knees in terror, asking pardon for their sins. Just when it seemed that the ball of fire would fall upon and destroy them the miracles ceased and the sun resumed its normal place in the

sky, shining forth as peacefully as ever.

When the people arose from the ground, cries of astonishment were heard on all sides. Their clothes, which had been soaking wet and muddy, now were clean and dry. Many of the sick and crippled had been cured of their afflictions.

Truly, it had been a great day for Portugal. The reporters, many of whom had come to scoff, gave long and detailed accounts of what had taken place, while the secular newspapers published many photographs of the crowds and the children. But few papers outside of Portugal gave any mention to these events.

#### Other Important Messages

As the Blessed Mother had promised, Francisco and Jacinta soon joined her in Heaven. The little boy died from the flu in April 1919, and his sister from pleurisy in February 1920. Before she died, little Jacinta, revealed some little known but remarkable statements made by Our Lady of Fatima. Here are some of them:

"More souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reasons."

"Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much."

"Many marriages are not good; they do not please Our Lord and are not of God."

"Priests must be pure, very pure. They should not busy themselves with anything except what concerns the Church and souls. The disobedience of priests to their superiors and to the Holy Father is very displeasing to Our Lord."

"The Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the hand of Her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes."

"If the government of a country leaves the Church in peace and gives liberty to our religion, it will be blessed by God."

"Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her."

In 1921, upon the advice of the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, Lucy entered a convent boarding school to learn to read and write. Later she became a nun in the order, a Sister of St. Dorothy, whose Motherhouse was at Tuy, Spain. (She now is a Carmelite nun in Portugal).

One day, while Lucy (now Sister Lucia) was kneeling in prayer in the convent chapel (December 10, 1925), the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child appeared to her with a new and wonderful message for souls. The first to speak was the Christ Child, who said: "Have pity on the heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation."

Holding in her hand a heart encircled with sharp thorns, Our Lady then said to Sister Lucia: "My child, behold my heart sur-

rounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me. Announce in my name that I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me."

#### Sister Lucia's Secret

On the night of January 25, 1938, Sister Lucia stood at her convent window and saw an ominous red glow that lit the entire sky. The light was seen throughout all Europe and Africa and part of America and Asia. Scientists tried to explain it as most unusual Aurora Borealis. But Sister Lucia knew that it was the great sign foretold by Our Lady July 13, 1917, that the punishment of the world was at hand. Several weeks later, Hitler invaded Austria, striking the match that was to set the world aflame. Thus began another and worse war in the reign of Pius the Eleventh as predicted by the Mother of God at Fatima).

There is still an unknown part of the message of Fatima that has never been revealed. A few years ago, Sister Lucia wrote down this secret, placed it in an envelope which was sealed and given to the Bishop of Fatima to be opened in 1960. General opinion is that this secret contains threats of disasters more terrible than anything else predicted at Fatima, and these will

come to pass unless enough people grant Our Lady's request.

#### Immaculate Heart Will Triumph

History has recorded as having taken place, many of the terrible disasters predicted by the Mother of God in 1917. These things cannot be undone. But we still have our futures ahead of us. They can be happy futures, filled with peace if we live our lives according to Our Lady's requests.

These requests: 1) penance and reparation; 2) the daily recitation of the Rosary; 3) the five First Saturdays; and 4) consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary form the "peace plan from Heaven"—our only hope."

Our Lady promised that in the end Her Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will become converted, and some time of peace will be granted to the world. That final triumph can come soon, without a lot of blood being shed, if enough people will still grant the request made at Fatima. Or, it can come after an atomic war, or more terrible disasters, that may see the greater part of humanity wiped out off the face of the earth. It depends upon how many of us are willing to follow Our Lady's "peace plan from Heaven."

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"There are two men I really admire," said a bore to his girl friend.

"Really" she replied. "Who's the other?"

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Mechanic: "My advice is to keep that car of yours moving.

Owner: "Why?"

Mechanic: "Well, if you ever stop, the cops will think it's an accident."

